

Application No. 10/052,549

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in this application. By this Supplemental Amendment, claims 1 and 21 are amended for clarification purposes only and not to overcome prior art. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representative by Examiner Pizarro Crespo at the personal interview held March 29, 2004, and the telephonic interview held April 16, 2004 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interviews as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicants' record of the interviews.

I. Pending Claims 1-30 Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 11, 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,248,633 to Ogura et al. (hereinafter "Ogura 633") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,883,001 to Jin (hereinafter "Jin") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,388,293 to Ogura et al (hereinafter "Ogura 293"); rejects claims 5, 12 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ogura 633 in view of Jin and Ogura 293 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,091,101 to Wang; rejects claims 9 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ogura 633 in view of Jin and Ogura 293 and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,372,031 to Tsaur; and rejects claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Ogura 633 in view of Jin, Ogura 293 and Tsaur, and further in view of Wang. The rejections are respectfully traversed.

As agreed to by the Examiner at the March 23, 2004 personal interview, Ogura 633 in combination with Jin and Ogura 293 does not disclose or suggest a semiconductor integrated circuit device having the features set forth in amended independent claims 1, 13, 17 and 18. Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

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During the April 16, 2004 telephonic interview, the Examiner requested clarification of the feature "interposed" in claims 1 and 21.

Accordingly, by this Supplemental Amendment, the feature "interposed" in claims 1 and 21 has been replaced with "therebetween." During the April 16 telephonic interview, Examiner Pizarro Crespo agreed that these claim amendments will place claims 1-30 in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-30 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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